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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ROBERT W. BATZ, JR. ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/390,501

FILED: SEPTEMBER 3, 1999

FOR: **METHODS FOR PLATING  
SEMICONDUCTOR WORKPIECES USING  
A WORKPIECE-ENGAGING ELECTRODE  
ASSEMBLY WITH SEALING BOOT**

EXAMINER: ERICA D. SMITH HICKS

ART UNIT: 1741

CONF. NO: 7023

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2) FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM  
ISSUE TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 IN A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH 37 CFR § 1.114**

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This application is being withdrawn from issue to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97 in a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.114 filed concurrently herewith. Applicants submit that filing the references in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is a good and sufficient reason to necessitate withdrawing this application from issuance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0665 in the amount of \$740.00 for the Request for Continued Examination fee and \$130.00

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for the Petition fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0665. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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RE: U.S. Application No. 09/390,501  
First Named Inventor: Robert W. Batz, Jr.  
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**Attached please find Petition for Withdrawal From Issuance, Request for Continued Examination, Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, and 2 cited references.**

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